

# **SC Annual School Report Card Summary**

**CALHOUN COUNTY HIGH** 

Calhoun

Grades: 9-12 **Enrollment: 457** 

Principal: Cynthia Johnson

Superintendent: Dr. Steve Wilson Board Chair: Mrs. Joyce Parrish

#### PERFORMANCE

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YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING	PALMETTO GOLD AND SILVER AWARD		AYP STATUS	NCLB IMPROVEMENT STATUS
			General Performance	Closing the Gap		
2011	Good	Good	TBD	TBD	Not Met	N/A
2010	Average	Below Average	N/A	Gold	Met	N/A
2009	Good	Below Average	N/A	Gold	Not Met	N/A

# **ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF HIGH SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS\***

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
4	2	10	9	11

<sup>\*</sup> Ratings are calculated with data available by 11/09/2011. Schools with Students Like Ours are High Schools with Poverty Indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this school.

### HIGH SCHOOL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM(HSAP) EXAM PASSAGE RATE(%): SECOND YEAR STUDENTS

	Our High School		High Schools with Students Like Ours	
	2010	2011	2010	2011
Passed 2 subtests (%)	73.6%	77.2%	61.3%	61.6%
Passed 1 subtest (%)	16.5%	18.5%	19.0%	19.6%
Passed no subtests (%)	9.9%	4.3%	22.0%	18.8%

HSAP PASSAGE RATE (%) BY SPRING 2011						
	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours				
Passage Rate	90.6%	80.7%				

ON-TIME GRADUATION RATE						
	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours				
Number of students	108	129				
Number of Diplomas	92	85				
Rate (%)	85.2%	63.8%				

END OF COURSE TESTS - 2011							
% of students scoring 70 or above on:	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours					
Algebra 1/Math for the Technologies 2	89.6	60.3					
English 1	72.6	48.4					
Biology 1/Applied Biology 2	50.4	44.4					
Physical Science	30.5	39.3					
US History and the Constitution	33.9	26.7					
All Tests	55.2	42.7					

#### NAEP PERFORMANCE\*

\* Performance reported for SC and nation, data not available at school level. Percentages at NAEP Achievement Levels.

READING – GRADE 8 (2011)								
South Carolina	28	45	25 2					
Nation	25	43	29 3					
	% Below Basic	% Basic, Proficient, a	nd Advanced					
■ Below Basic □ Basic □ Proficient ■ Advanced								

MATH – GRADE 8 (2011)								
South Carolina	30	38	25	7				
Nation	28	39	26	8				
	% Below Basic	% Basic, Proficier	nt, and Advanc	ed				
■ Below Basic □ Basic □ Proficient ■ Advanced								

SCIENCE - GRADE 8 (2009)								
South Carolina		45	32	22	1			
Nation		38	33	28	1			
% Below Basic				vanced				

#### **SC PERFORMANCE VISION**

By 2020 all students will graduate with the knowledge and skills necessary to compete successfully in the global economy, participate in a democratic society and contribute positively as members of families and communities.

# CALHOUN COUNTY HIGH [Calhoun] **SCHOOL PROFILE**

	Our School	Change from Last Year	High Schools with Students Like Ours	Median High School
Students (n=457)				
Retention rate	5.6%	Up from 3.2%	3.8%	3.4%
Attendance rate	98.9%	Up from 97.2%	94.9%	95.0%
Served by gifted and talented program	7.0%	Up from 0.0%	5.0%	12.4%
With disabilities other than speech	9.3%	Down from 9.8%	12.8%	9.9%
Older than usual for grade	12.8%	Up from 10.7%	9.9%	7.1%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	5.7%	Down from 28.4%	1.6%	0.9%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	51.0%	Up from 0.0%	4.3%	13.0%
Successful on AP/IB exams	N/A	N/A	13.9%	51.7%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	28.9%	Up from 23.3%	25.7%	30.1%
Annual dropout rate	1.1%	Up from 1.0%	2.2%	2.5%
Career/technology students in co-curricular organizations	5.3%	Up from 2.6%	4.2%	2.9%
Enrollment in career/technology courses	320	Up from 261	231	419
Career/technology students attaining technical skills	71.9%	Down from 72.8%	79.7%	83.0%
Teachers (n=28)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	64.3%	Down from 66.7%	60.0%	61.1%
Continuing contract teachers	75.0%	Up from 72.7%	68.8%	80.6%
Teachers returning from previous year	83.2%	Up from 83.0%	79.6%	86.5%
Teacher attendance rate	96.1%	Up from 92.5%	95.6%	95.5%
Average teacher salary*	\$43,733	Down 8.2%	\$43,733	\$46,884
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.0%	No Change	5.1%	2.2%
Professional development days/teacher	6.1 days	Down from 7.3 days	10.0 days	10.0 days
School				
Principal's years at school	3.0	Up from 2.0	2.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	21.3 to 1	Down from 23.2 to 1	20.9 to 1	26.5 to 1
Prime instructional time	94.2%	Up from 87.8%	88.9%	89.3%
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$9,740	Up 4.7%	\$10,047	\$7,804
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	55.8%	Up from 52.8%	56.7%	58.0%
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	58.8%	Down from 59.5%	60.0%	60.6%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No Change	Good	Excellent
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	92.1%	Up from 75.4%	96.6%	97.3%
Character development program	Good	Down from Excellent	Good	Good
% of AYP objectives met	76.9%	Down from 100.0%	53.8%	65.2%

<sup>\*</sup> Length of contract = 185+ days.

#### **EVALUATION RESULTS**

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	35	101	78
Percent satisfied with learning environment	97.1%	76.2%	81.3%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	94.3%	86.9%	77.6%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	82.9%	74.3%	74.0%

<sup>\*</sup>Only students at the highest high school grade level at this school and their parents were included.

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## REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

Calhoun County High School-"Offering The Total Package"

Calhoun County High School is a small rural school serving approximately 445 students in grades 9-12. The school has an 80.6% graduation rate with a 92.1% poverty index. Our March Toward Excellence continues as our school community focuses on "Offering The Total Package Through Instructional Rigor" during the 2010-2011 school year. Calhoun County High School received several accolades this school year because of teamwork and our collaboration with parents and the community. We were recognized by America College Test (ACT) as a school making exemplary progress toward college and career readiness for all students. The high school also received the Gold Award from the South Carolina State Department of Education for excellent results in closing the achievement gap. The dedication of the teachers, hard work of the students, and support of the community continues to bring pride and positive recognition to Calhoun County High School.

The faculty and staff continue to work together with the belief that everyone on the campus is responsible for student achievement. The passion for teaching and learning at Calhoun County High School has fostered a climate of high academic expectations for every student. Our ongoing effective staff development has insured highquality, rigorous, and appropriate instruction for the 21st Century Learner. Initiatives that have contributed to our progress include: PLATO, APEX Learning, US Test Prep. Achieve 300, writing across the curriculum, grade level parent nights, SAT/ACT preparation sessions, data-driven curricula, service Learning projects, SMARTBoard technology, continuation of the seven period traditional schedule, credit recovery, HSAP/EOC tutorial sessions, common departmental planning periods, an award winning ROTC program, active School Improvement Council; PTA; Band Booster Club, and after school homework program.

Validating the fact that Calhoun County High School offers the total package, our boys' varsity football team earned the title of Class A Region Runner ups, as well as the volleyball; baseball, softball; and both girls and boys varsity basketball teams all making it to the playoff. We will continue to openly solicit parent, community, and business/educational partner's involvement in planning for the future success of our school as we march toward the next level of success.

Cynthia Johnson, Principal Linda Haynes, Chairman, School Inprovement Council

<sup>\*\*</sup> Prior year audited financial data available